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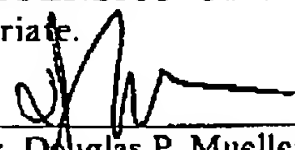
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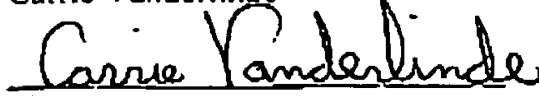
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner to Applicants' representatives, Douglas P. Mueller and Margaret F. Emerson, during the telephonic interview on June 8, 2006. During the interview, claims 1-14 and West (US 6,195,730) were discussed. Agreement regarding the allowability of the claims was not reached, although agreement to further consider the claims in light of the discussed arguments was reached. A summary of the discussed arguments follows.

Claims 1-14 were rejected as being anticipated by West (US 6,195,730). Applicant traverses this rejection. West does not disclose or suggest a data transfer apparatus being a first